

challenge to the quality of local receiving waters, and negatively impacts the overall environmental health of the Chesapeake Bay.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, stormwater runoff from urban and suburban areas is "a significant source of impairment to the Chesapeake Bay." According to Agency statistics, 17 percent of phosphorus, 11 percent of nitrogen, and 9 percent of sediment loads to the Bay come from stormwater runoff.

In addition, chemical contaminants from runoff can rival or exceed the amount reaching local waterways from industries, Federal facilities, and wastewater treatment plants.

Several states and municipalities, including the District of Columbia, have taken aggressive action to address these ongoing sources of pollution. Yet, when a significant percentage of property owners take the position that they cannot be held responsible for their pollution, it places a greater financial burden on our States, cities, communities, and local-rate-payers, and makes it less likely that significant reductions in stormwater pollution can be achieved.

S. 3481 amends section 313 of the Clean Water Act to clarify that "reasonable service charges" for addressing pollution from Federal facilities includes reasonable nondiscriminatory fees, charges, or assessments that are based on the proportion of stormwater emanating from the facility and used to pay (or reimburse) costs associated with any stormwater management program.

Madam Speaker, in the amendment to section 313 of the Clean Water Act, a provision was included to rectify a specific problem in the District of Columbia, where the U.S. Department of the Treasury has been paying some stormwater fees. The provision simply says that agencies and departments should use their annual appropriated funds to pay for stormwater fees. This is exactly what they all do today in paying for their drinking water and wastewater bills or any other utility bill. This new language requires that Congress make available, in appropriations acts, the funds that could be used for this purpose. It should not be interpreted as requiring appropriations act to state specifically or expressly that the funds could be used to pay these charges. The statutory language does not require this, and such a restrictive reading is not intended.

Madam Speaker, this legislation is a simple effort to clarify, again, that the Federal Government bears a proportional responsibility for addressing pollution originating from its facilities, and should remain an active participant in improving National water quality and the overall environment.

I urge passage of this bill.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HELPING HEROES KEEP THEIR HOMES ACT OF 2010

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 4058) to extend certain expiring provisions providing enhanced protections for servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosure, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 4058

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Helping Heroes Keep Their Homes Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF ENHANCED PROTECTIONS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS RELATING TO MORTGAGES AND MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

Paragraph (2) of section 2203(c) of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-289) is amended—

- (1) by striking "December 31, 2010" and inserting "December 31, 2012"; and
- (2) by striking "January 1, 2011" and inserting "January 1, 2013".

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEASE AUTHORIZATION FOR OHKAY OWINGEH PUEBLO

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 3903) to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3903

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. OHKAY OWINGEH PUEBLO LEASING AUTHORITY.

Subsection (a) of the first section of the Act of August 9, 1955 (25 U.S.C. 415(a)), is amended in the second sentence by inserting "and lands held in trust for Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo" after "of land on the Devils Lake Sioux Reservation,".

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to ask my colleagues to support an important measure that will allow the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh, in Northern New Mexico, to expand economic opportunities for their tribal members.

Ohkay Owingeh is a small tribal community (Pueblo) in the northern part of my district and is part of the cultural fabric of Northern New Mexico. Since before Spanish rule, and American Manifest Destiny the small pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh used its surrounding lands to provide for its people.

As history moved to present day the Federal government and tribal communities entered into trust treaties to provide for the well being of Indian people across our nation. As part of the federal government's trust obligation to tribal communities, putting lands into trust for use by tribal people is something that is fundamental to the government-to-government re-

lationship between the United States and individual tribal communities.

In the modern age many tribes develop part of their trust lands to create economic opportunities for their people. In many cases their ventures are successful and the tribe can use their trust lands as they see fit, but in other cases like that of Ohkay Owingeh the cumbersome nature of obtaining approval to lease their lands for economic activity can prevent very beneficial business ventures from ever taking place and, thus, hindering the tribes ability to provide for its own people.

The importance of allowing tribal governments to enter into long term leases is paramount to giving them the ability to create better opportunities for their tribal members, their children and future generations. Many tribes have vast lands that can benefit the tribe and surrounding areas economically, but because of the process of getting secretarial approval to lease their own lands can be detrimental for the tribe.

I am asking my colleagues to support this no cost measure that will allow the tribe of Ohkay Owingeh to enter into long term leases to expand economic opportunities for the tribe and to lift the cumbersome requirement of Secretarial Approval for use of their own lands.

Many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle have supported such measures for other tribes around the country in this congress and in congresses past; and this kind bipartisan support is crucial to providing opportunities for the small Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may revise and extend their remarks on the measures considered by unanimous consent today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1784

Resolved, That a committee of two Members of the House be appointed to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that the House of Representatives has completed its business of the session and is ready to adjourn, unless the President has some other communication to make to them.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1784, the Chair

appoints the following Members of the House to the committee to notify the President:

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER);

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER).

AUTHORIZING CHAIR AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF EACH STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE TO EXTEND REMARKS IN RECORD

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the chair and ranking minority member of each standing committee and each subcommittee be permitted to extend their remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, up to and including the Record's last publication, and to include a summary of the work of that committee or subcommittee.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO REVISE AND EXTEND REMARKS IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD UNTIL LAST EDITION IS PUBLISHED

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members may have until publication of the last edition of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD authorized for the Second Session of the 111th Congress by the Joint Committee on Printing to revise and extend their remarks and to include brief, related extraneous material on any matter occurring before the adjournment of the Second Session sine die.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT—BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 205(a) of the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-554), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation:

Upon the recommendation of the majority leader:

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ, California.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, your committee appointed to inform the President that the House is ready to adjourn and to ask him if he has any further communications to make to the House has performed that duty and

advises me that the President has directed them to say that he has no further communications to make to the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

THIS IS NO WAY TO RUN A GOVERNMENT

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, this bill that's just passed has been indicative of how things have gone here in this last 2 years. People didn't have a chance to read the bill. People didn't have a chance to make amendments to the bill.

There is no question the heroes from 9/11 deserved our full attention. They deserved to have proper moneys raised in proper ways in order to fund their proper treatment. That should have been done, but it wasn't. No, we come rushing in here at the last minute, and in fact, there were 176 Democrats that voted. It took 42 Republicans voting to give a quorum to get enough people so the vote would count. We had to wait over an hour for people to fly in from different places.

Is that any way to run a government? Is that any way to handle the business regarding heroes? And by the way, we're told, well, this will be paid for. One of the ways we're going to get a bunch of money to pay for that is our troops are in the Middle East, and we have to buy things from vendors over there, and we're going to slap a 2 percent tax on everything they sell to us. Our servicemembers will pay for it.

This is no way to run a government.

THE AFGHANISTAN REVIEW: THAT'S IT?

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, after more than 9 years of the war in Afghanistan and a troop surge that supposedly was going to turn the tide, all we have are modest gains that are fragile and reversible. For the price of \$377 billion, the lives of 1,400 brave Americans, that's it?

We need to hear more than "the challenges are tough and there are difficult days ahead." We need to hear more than "stay the course" platitudes that do little to eliminate the situation for the American people who are footing the bill.

Columnist Eugene Robinson assessed the review this way: "The good news is that President Obama's strategy in Afghanistan is 'on track.' The bad news is that the track runs in a circle."

Round and round on that track we go, Madam Speaker. More of our finest young people thrown into harm's way, more dollars flying out of the Treasury, more of our global credibility destroyed.

And because the track runs in a circle, we always seem to wind up in the same place—no closer to defeating the terrorists, no progress made on key national security objectives.

Here are some unvarnished facts you didn't hear emphasized in the Afghanistan review:

Casualties are rising to record-setting levels. The Taliban remains not just viable but robust, while Afghan governance remains ineffective at best, corrupt at worst.

Hamid Karzai remains an unreliable loose cannon, lashing out—according to one report—that he'd choose the Taliban over the United States and the international community.

The security situation continues to deteriorate, with violence so great that the Red Cross says it's nearly impossible for them to do their humanitarian work.

An article in the Washington Post several days ago put it best: "Afghanistan still remains a violent chaotic nation with as many signs of American defeat as of victory."

With that context, what do we make of Secretary Gates saying that progress in Afghanistan has "exceeded my expectations"? I shudder to think at just how low his expectations were.

The American people, however, have high expectations. That's why 60 percent of them, according to a recent poll, believe that this war isn't worth fighting.

Sixty percent, Madam Speaker! My friends on the other side of the aisle are claiming a ringing mandate with less public support than that.

And the Afghan people are no more enthusiastic. Not even one-third of them rate the work of the work of the U.S. in their country as excellent or good.

And despite all this, the response appears to be not an accelerated drawdown, but an escalation of violence.

There are reports that the United States is considering expanding the war across the border in an unprecedented way, with risky and dangerous Special Operations ground raids into Pakistan.

We can't take much more, Madam Speaker. This occupation has been given every chance to succeed. The time for patience has long since passed. It's time to bring the troops home.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, we've had a long, tough Congress, and we come to the end of it, and I'm sorry that my good friend from Texas implied the vote was held open for some nefarious reasons.

We passed the bill for our first responders a long time ago, and they finally got around to it over in the Senate. Those people were important, and it was important that we wait and make sure it gets over here and we get it passed into law.

Unfortunately, one of our Members had gone home to visit her grandmother, who is near the end of her life, and the plane was coming in and trying to drive in the traffic of the rush hour